

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A network-based URL management and data gathering system is
provided. The system utilizes a client-side utility for capturing URLs during
normal Web browsing, and a server-side utility for organizing and managing
the captured URLs on the network. The server-side utility periodically sends
a request to a proxy browsing and data gathering utility for navigating to and
retrieving data from Web pages associated with the captured URLs. Data
10 retrieved from the Web pages is returned in summary form for presentation
to subscribing users. In preferred embodiments, the system is practiced on
the Internet network between users operating an Internet-capable appliance
having an Internet connection, and an Internet portal service.

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